

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1011–S1132*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2038–2041, and S. Con. Res. 32. **Page S1048**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–138) **Page S1048**

**Measures Passed:**

*National Integrated Drought Information System Reauthorization Act:* Senate passed H.R. 2431, to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System. **Page S1132**

**Measures Considered:**

**Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1982, to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans. **Pages S1011–13, S1020–39**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 44), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S1027**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 26, 2014; and that all time during adjournment and morning business, count post-cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S1132**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Cuba and of the emergency authority relating to

the regulation of the anchorage and movement of vessels; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–30)

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 95 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 39), James Maxwell Moody, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas. **Pages S1016–18, S1132**

By 90 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. EX. 41), James Donato, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

**Pages S1019, S1132**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 42 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 40), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1018–19**

By 91 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. EX. 43), Beth Labson Freeman, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California. **Pages S1020, S1132**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 42 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 42), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S1019–20**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S1046–48**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S1048–49**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S1049–50**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1044–46**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S1050–S1132**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S1132**

**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—44) **Pages S1017–20, S1027**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1132.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christine E. Wormuth, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Policy, Brian P. McKeon, of New York, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, David B. Shear, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, Eric Rosenbach, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense, Robert O. Work, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Warner, and Michael J. McCord, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary (Comptroller), who was introduced by former Senator Sam Nunn, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE MARKET

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorizing the Terrorism Risk Insurance Market (TRIA), focusing on the state of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Market, after receiving testimony from W. Edward Walter, Host Hotels and Resorts, Inc., Bethesda, Maryland, on behalf of the Coalition to Insure Against Terrorism; Carolyn Snow, Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky; Bill Henry, McQueary, Henry, Bowles and Troy, Inc., Dallas, Texas, on behalf of The Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers; Vincent T. Donnelly, PMA Insurance Group, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America; Warren W. Heck, National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, New York, New York; and Douglas Elliot, The Hartford Financial Services Group, Rocky Hill, Connecticut, on behalf of the American Insurance Association.

### ECONOMIC AND BUDGET OUTLOOK

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic and budget outlook for individuals, families, and communities, after receiving testimony from Neera Tanden, Center for American Progress, and Robert Doar, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Edith Kimball, Lee Elementary School, Lee, Florida; Courtney Johnson, Fort Hayes Arts and Academic High School, Columbus, Ohio; and Scott Winship, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, New York, New York.

### NATURAL RESOURCE ADAPTATION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Oversight concluded a hearing to ex-

amine natural resource adaptation, focusing on protecting ecosystems and economies, after receiving testimony from John P. Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President; Dan Ashe, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Noah Matson, Defenders of Wildlife, Washington, D.C.; David Houghton, National Wildlife Refuge Association, Harrisville, New Hampshire; Christopher Brown, Rhode Island Commercial Fishermen's Association, West Kingston; Patrick Moore, Ecosense Environmental, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; and Robert Bryce, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, Austin, Texas.

### LEBANON

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine Lebanon at the crossroads, after receiving testimony from Lawrence Silverman, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; Major General Michael Plehn, Principal Director, Middle East Policy, Department of Defense; and Paul Salem, Middle East Institute, and Aram Nerguizian, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

### SITUATION IN THE UKRAINE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee received a closed briefing on the situation in the Ukraine from Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs.

### MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT OPTIONS AND TRENDS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine mental health, focusing on treatment options and trends, after receiving testimony from William Cooper, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, Tennessee; Benjamin S. Fernandez, Loudoun County Public Schools, Ashburn, Virginia; John Arch, Boys Town National Research Hospital, Omaha, Nebraska; and Tiffany Martinez, Portland, Maine.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, Tanya S. Chutkan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Representative Norton, M. Hannah Lauck, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Kaine, Leo T. Sorokin, to be